AFFAIRS OF THE THEATRE.

A STAGE REPRESENTATION OF THE CABE OF MRS. MAYBRICK. Hen Who Figure as Imitation Women in

Farces-Flat Element in "The Nancy Hanks"-News of the Managers and the Playwrights - Incidents of the Read. At the Harlem Music Hall yesterday after soon there was the first performance on any stage of a dramatic sketch entitled "Caged. was described as "an episode of the living death of Florence Maybrick." It had been written by Kenneth Lee, a successful author of short plays, for use in vaudeville programmes, and was played by Gertrude Norman and Mrs. Ashford Griffith. The latter was seen as a visitor to the jail that held Mrs. Maybrick, who was represented by the other actress. The visiter' was disclosed in charge of a matron of the institution, and alluded tearfully to the gloom of her prison surroundings, which were represented by a pink and white interior setting Those of the listeners who found anything funny in this incongruity were the only ones who saw anything amusing in the whole affair, for in a moment Mrs. Maybrick appeared and the floods of woe were turned on full. was thereafter almost a monologue of gloom, her companion doing nothing but weep and "feed." At one point the visitor handed to the prisoner photographs of the lat-ter's children, and the comely and confortable prison attendant stepped forward to examine them before they were permitted to pass to the tion, and the height of sombreness was difficult to place, since everything was funereal. It was, in effect, the recital of a condemned woman's wrongs to a sympathetic listener, but perhaps the darkest moment was when the pictures were passed back because of the inhuman regulations of English prisons, though much of prisoner's relation of her experiences was aimed straight at tear ducts. Previous to the mance there was speechmaking, Mr. Clark Bell spoke of the Maybrick case, and was followed by Dr. George W. Grover. Both were earnest supporters of the convicted woman's claim to innocence, and the meeting was spoke claim to innocence, and the meeting was spoken of as an attempt to "create a diversion for an American woman in an English prison." Between the trend of the speeches and the work of the trained playwright there was such a divergence that when all was jover it was difficult to understand the meeting's real significance. Inquiry developed the fact that the cause of Mrs. Maybrick was to be helped in this case only through the employment in vaudeville reports of Gertrude Norman.

The vogue of the skirted man must have be great outside of New York. "Charley's Aunt" finished the popularity of that stage figure in this city. Subsequent attempts to revive it failed. "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" met with no indorsement. This year "Miss Francis of Yale" aroused derision only. For metropolitan use the fun of it is exhausted. But there is occasional evidence that it survives vigorously on the circuita. "The Nancy Hanks" is the latest. In the second act of that farce a young Frenchman decides for no particular reason to put on a woman's dress. He shaves off his heard to do the job completely. The shaving process is the same that Ignacio Martinettipractices in "The Swell Miss Fitzswell." More expertly, thoughteven then it is not very amusing. But at the Garden the whisker finally come off, and although the spectator may not desire so much entertainment, the hair does come off, and that is all that is really neces sary. Then the skirt is slipped over the man's head. A wig hangs conveniently at hand. That, with the plnk Mother Hubbard robe, transforms him into one of those travesties that result when a man on the stage tries to dress and act like a woman. He even goes to the extent of singing in dialect a song from "The Gir tent of singing in dialect a song from "The Girl from Paris," or sounds so. When that is finished the callous spectators know that the time has come for a visitor to arrive—preferably a male visitor, rather sentle and gallant. Already can be heard in anticipation the words. "Why, he takes me for a woman." That inevitably happens in "The Nancy Hanks." The old man enters and there ensues one of those scenes of wooings which, if we are to believe the reports, are extravagantly enjoyed in other eites. But New York does not and will not laugh at such a thing. The woman that kissed a cow certainly voiced an enduring truth of human conduct when she explained apologetically what her own taste was.

There are a number of theatrical characters in this farce by Frank Tannehill, Jr. The heroine is an actress, and so is the chief comio man. The second act passes in her rooms, and on the walls are hung lithographs which have long done service on bill boards. Marie Janson is the heroine, and one of the lithographs represents her in the green silk which she wore as many years ago as the time in which Francis Wilson produced "The Oolah," and that was not last season. The others are prints of various serio-comic actresses who have done duty as unidentified members of itinerant variety shows for a decade or two. But the "atmosphere" is supplied by other means as well. Over a screen hangs some feminine underwear of an unmistakable nature. In addi-Paris," or sounds so. When that is fin-

well. Over a screen hangs some feminine underwear of an unmistakable nature. In addition to this is a pair of tights suspended in full
view. It is a tradition that plays of stage life
rarely interest the public. Actors are too
much like themselves when they impersonate
other actors. Surely such views of the stage
as "The Nancy Hanks" reveals must be damaging to a larger extent than its own direct
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The courtship scene of the second act has one bright minute. Then Clayton White, who represents the superannuated beau, suddenly starts into a Spanish dance. He uses a cigar hox as a tambourine, and his imitation of the conventional Spanish dancer is amusing and a credit to his own lightness of foot. It is instructured with more aptness than Marie Jansen's ballads. "I have a song for every dress," she says, and changes her gown two or three times, merely for the purpose of these songs. The "teams" in the continuous houses would scarcely dare to be so unblushing. But the author of "The Nancy Hanks" is not so careful how he gets things into the farce.

Edward S. Willard has been playing "David Garrick" in Philadelphia, and the critics say that he was excellent, though not brilliant. Sol Smith Russell was not liked by Chloago in "The Taming of the Shrew" but was accepted in "The Rivals." Robert S. Hilliard expects to bring out a comedy of his own, "A New Yorker," with Marie Burroughs as the beroine. Minnie Seligman-Cutting contemplates a return to the stage in a play of society which Clyde Fitch wrote for the late Carrie Turner. James J. Corbett is to appear in a drama by Henry Guy Carleton.

As a part of a charity affair in Denver, Nellie McHenry rode through the streets in an open carriage driven by Buffalo Bill, the trip ending at a public square, where she sang ballads, and he passed his hat, which the crowd filled with

Two comedians important in "A Boy Wanted" became ill suddenly in Cincinnati, It happened that a minor company was on a tour of Indiana in the same farce. By means of a tele-Thone and a special train the requisite actors were drafted, and a \$1,200 Christmas audience was saved at the cost of a \$300 one.

Lawrence J. Hanley is well, known to be an actor of irregular habits, and so, when he was too ill with a fever to play in St. Louis, the management announced to the audience that he was drank. He is resentfully suing for damages.

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The invalids who constitute most of the population of Hot Springs, Ark., have theatrical entertainment at command, and quite diverse enough to suit their various tastes. The theatre was occupied on four successive nights by Al Fields's minstrels. Walker Whiteside in "Hamlet," John L. Sullivan as the puglistic feature of a vaudeville show, and the Chicago Ideals in opera.

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Lady Sholto Douglas, who was a concert saloon waitress in San Francisco before her marriage to an English nobleman, and afterward made an attempt as an actress, is now living quietly with her husband on property which he owns at Sault Ste. Marie, Canada.

Louis M. Thayer is an honest maker of a come opera out of old materials. It is called "Sofani," and, before its production in Cincinnation he published the fact that it had been compiled from many sources. The composite work seems to have been successful, too.

Meyer Cohen, a basso, has withdrawn from the stage to commercial life. This will not interier with grand opera at the Metropolitan or elsewhere, but it means the damming of more lears in the variety shows than are usually drawn by vocalists. His was one of the first "illustrated song" specialties, his stereopticon view were noted for their primary tints, and his tones were used at Pastor's, in off hours, to split wood. As the final performer of a programme he was a grand success, for his gloony songs drew so many tears that there was 10 call for the sweepers to dampen the carbert of the Belasco has written a comedy with a part for the Bart for the sweepers to dampen the carbert of the services of the part for the sweepers to dampen the carbert of the part for the sweepers to dampen the carbert of the services of the part for the sweepers to dampen the carbert for

David Belasco has written a comedy with a bart for Mrs. Carter, and she will also appear in Sharespearean roles after she is done with The Heart of Maryland. Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Frse, brillant loston writers, have oilaborated in a comedy, "In Far Hohemia." and it will be acted ason in that city. Robert Louis Stevenson's novel. "St. Ives." is being dramatized for Richard, Maryland. Sydney conduct.

Rosenfeld has adapted from the German a farcical piece in which Ada Rohan will take the principal rôle. Elwyn Barron, the Chicago reviewer, is on the Iste of Man writing a play for Wilson Barrett. Glen McDonough has sold a farce to May Irwin for spring produc-

ion. Wallack's Theatre will go under the contro of Charles Frohman after Saturday night's Wallack's Theatre will go under the control of Charles Frohman after Saturday night's final performance of "A Ward of France," and for the remainder of the season. He had three houses, but required another in Broadway for John Drew and other purposes. The theatre now called the Johnh has been leased to Samuel T. Jack for rather less artistic uses. Mr. Jack is the manager of several companies composed of negroes, and devoted to undressed burnessed in the same of the same posed lesque. It was rumored yesterday that an offer which W. A. McConnell had made for Olympia was likely to be accepted by the receiver of that property. The Murray Hill is offered for rent by the Goelet estate, as Frank B. Murtha has decided that he will not report it.

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Julia Marlowe is in town, and measureably
recovered from the fover which compelled her
to stop her tour. She is making ready for "As
You Like It" at the Knickerbocker next week.
Amelia Summerville was kept out of "Cumberland '61" at the Brocklyn Montauk one
night by fliness, but has returned to her place,
Joseph O'Meara is restored to "The Highwayman" after a temporary absence, and Maurice
Barrymore to "A Ward of France."

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO.

Testerday's Performance of the "Messiah"

by the Oraterio Seciety. The story goes that an English Archbishop hearing that Haendel thought of composing an oratorio, sent word to him "wait awhile and I will write the words for you." To which Haendel indignantly replied: "Does he think he can write better than prophets and apostles full of the Holy Ghost, or that I have not read and loved my Bible as well as he?" Whereupor he began diligently to seek out such sentences as seemed most pregnant with the meaning of the pervading theme of the Scriptures, the fall and redemption of man, setting them in order until they filled out the entire circle of his thought, and then he was ready to fit them with music. Haendel's life in England before he made the "Messiah" was a long term of gigantic, un-remitting toll that had lasted for thirty years. He reigned absolute monarch of England's music during at least half that period until those dissensions caused by a formidable body of nobility contrived to break up Haendel's opera. Like every popular favorite he had his day of reverses. In his case, how-ever, the change appeared to be but the design ever, the change appeared to be but the design of Providence that let the ground slip away from under his feet and placed them upon a solid rock foundation, where he might stand firm and work with all his true strength. The "Messiah" was the plant of Haendel's genius in full flower. He had already written his oratorios of "Esther." "Deborah." "Alexander's Feast," "Israel in Egypt," and others. These were performed in the theatres during Lent, when operas were forbidden, and they had the advantage of not requiring expense for scenery or costumes. The advantage of addressing his muse to this department of art was therefore obvious, and Haendel commenced the work into which he has put the fullest expression of his oul in 1741, finishing it in the incredibly short space of twenty-one days. It must be regarded as his grandest achievement, on account of its dignity, its poetic unity, for its endless variety mouriced force. garded as his grandest achievement, on account of its dignity, its poetic unity, for its endless variety in musical form, and because it possesses such a strong and lasting power over the mi.ds of men, epitomizing as it does all crede in its mighty phrases, and forming a picture whose outlines when once earnestly contemplated can never be effaced—which teach the very essence of all religious belief.

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To thousands of people the "Messiah" is held among the most precious of Christmas remembrances, and the memory of it is treasured as tenderly as the thought of home and friends. As usual at the performance of the Oratorio Society, yesterday afternoon Carnegie Hall was crowded from pit to dome, while about 200 persons crowded the new foyer. The rendering was about the same in excellence as has been the case during many previous years, nothing to astonish and not much to criticise severely, while much was left to wish for from the standpoint of a truly ideal performance. The soloists were Mme. De Vere-Sapio, who sang with confidence and brilliancy, with more brio and less religious ferror than she has sometimes evidenced; Mrs. Carl Alves, whose voice sounded thin and worn and much less beautiful than even last year; Mr. Ellison Van Hoose, tenor, who commended himself highly both for agreeable tone and for intelligent singing, and Mr. Bispham, who added greatly to the worth of the performance as he does to whatever he participates in of the musical or dramatic sort.

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Mr. Elliott Schenck took up the conductor's baton during the last third of the oratorio. He led with splendid vigor and admirable accu-

TORE HER DRESS AT PROCTOR'S. Civil Sustice McKenn Puzzled by What Would

Lena Glass of 237 East Eightieth street brought suit against Frederick Proctor, proprietor of Proctor's Pleasure Palace on East Fiftyeighth street, in the Yorkville Civil Court yes terday for \$25, the value of a dress which, she declared, had been destroyed in the Pleasure Palaca.

she went to the theatre with her sister and their escorts. While they were making their way to seats in the middle of a row in the balcony four parcels of property at Fifteenth street her dress caught on three nails projecting from and Union square, including the hotel, rethe broken pack of a seat she was passing and a large rent was made in the skirt.

She notified the management, and an usher examined the place, but would make no redress for the torn garment. The gown, she continued, was made of hen-

rietta clotn and cost \$25, and was almost new at the time.

She produced the dress, a plum-colored one, held up the skirt, and showed the triangular tear to Justice John B. McKean.

The Justice remarked that the waist, which was detached, was not damaged, and asked why she demanded payment for that, as she could use it.

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"But I can't use it," the witness replied. "You can use a skirt with a different-colored waist, but you can't use a waist with a different colored skirt."

"How is that?" interrupted the Justice, who appeared to be puzzled. "You can use a different colored skirt with another kind of waist, but you can't use a waist with the same kind of a skirt."

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"Oh, no, you've got it wrong," the witness said, and she repeated her former explanation.
"You may be right," rejoined the Justice, "but I must confess I cannot grasp the distinction." tinction."
"It's very simple, as least to a woman," the witness said.

She called her sister, Alice Glass, and a young man, who was her escort that night, to corroborate her as to the three nails and the torn

orate her as to the three nails and the torn dress.

William Joyce, an employee of the theatre, testified that he examined the broken seat in question that night, and found that some one had stuck a carpet tack in the back of the seat, and on this the plaintiff's dress had caught. He added that there were no nails in the seat.

Counsel for the defendant argued that the management of a theatre could not be held responsible for the damage caused by those trifing things which the ordinary vigilance of employees failed to see and remove.

"I do not agree with you there," replied Justice McKean. "The theatre proprietor invites the public to enter his place of entertainment, and the law holds that he is obliged to safeguard the life, limb, and property of his patrons."

At the conclusion of the case the Justice said he would give his decision in a couple of days.

Mrs. John Van Nostrand's Banco at Sherry's Mrs. John Van Nostrand of 192 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, gave a large dance at Sherry's last night in bonor of her son, John Van Nostrand, a junior at Cornell. The ballroom and the adjoining rooms were decorated room and the adjoining rooms were decorated with Christmas garlands, trees and huge bunches of holly and mistletoe. Mrs. Van Nostrand was assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. H. Litchfield, Mrs. Frederic W. Moss, Mrs. John E. Leech, Mrs. William S. Prentice, Miss Kidder, the Misses Litchfield, Miss Buikley, Miss Adelaide Chauncey, Miss Modeline Chauncey, the Misses Moss, Mrs. Gardiner Van Nostrand, and Miss Van Nostrand. There was no cotillon, owing to the very large number of guests present.

The Saint Enoch Overdue.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 29.—The Phoenix line steamship Saint Enoch, Capt. Mackie, which left Antwerp for this port on Dec. 4, is overdue, and the United States Shipping Company officials fear that the boat has met with some mishap. The Saint Enoch piles regularly between this port and Antwerp, and usually makes the trip in about twenty days. She had a general cargo, consisting principally of dry goods and laces. She is a ship of 2,746 tons

Notes of Music Events. The fifth concert of the held! series at the Astoria will be given to night. The soloists will be Lillian Bisuveit and Evans Williams. Anton Seidl and his orchestra will play.

The soloists in the performance of Haendel's "Messiah" by the Oratorio Society at Carnigle Hall to night will be Mines. De Vers and Alves and MM. Van Hoose and Bispham. Walter Damrosch will

REPLYTOCHANCELLORDAY

STRACUSE UNIVERSITY ROW GETS INTO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Resolution Adopted Appointing a Committe

to Investigate the University's Financesceller Day's Recent Letter to The Sun-SYRACUSE, Dec. 29.-The rumpus between Chancellor Day of Syracose University and the Rev. W. D. Rockwell got into the meeting of the Common Council just before midnight on Monday night, when Alderman Frank Matty, President of the Council, secured the passage of a resolution appointing a committee to investigate the university finances. When the univer sity was founded the city issued \$100,000 bonds to aid in creating an endowment fund. President Matty said that it was currently reported that a solemn testimentary contract had been repudiated or violated in the case of Mrs. Peck, and, under the circumstances, he thought an investigation regarding the city's contribution was warranted. President Matty, of course, has no grounds for this suspicion, as the \$100,000 furnished by the city was expended in the early days of the univer His animus in proposing the investigation lay in the fact that about a year ago Chan cellor Day, in a political speech aimed at Matty and the City Hall ring, said that he "would n trust them to shovel snow from the walks on the university campus unless the doors of the buildings were locked." Chancellor Day is at present in New York, but W. W. Porter, the Treasurer of the university, said to-day that the books were open and investigation would be

The Rev. W. D. Rockwell to-day publishes an

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open letter in response to Chancellor Day's letter to THE SUN, calling attention to some alleged errors of the Chancellor. Mr. Rockwell says: "The Chancellor says that I left a pastorate where I was receiving about \$400 a year to enter Mrs. Peck's home. Now, had he cared to state facts as they were he could very easily have referred to the year book of the con ference, where he would have seen that I was receiving \$650 a year in money be I was receiving \$650 a year in money besides a comfortable parsonage, with donations, &c. To be sure it was not a large salary, but I endeavored to be faithful to my charge, and did not suend the time that belonged to it in attempting to make political addresses. He also enlarges upon the many comforts I enjoyed, being the head of the house, with the use of horse, carriage, &c. But here his argument is unfortunate again. The 'orse and carriage belonged to myself and not to Mrs. Peck, and I was only too glad to afford her the pleasure of riding out as long as she was able. I would state that I had repeatedly been solicited by Mrs. Peck to come with her, so that she could have a comfortable home; but it was not till she became sick and absolutely needed better care that I consented, and one of the strongest reasons for my doing so was that it was only complying with the Bishop's last request, that I should care for her who, he said, would soon follow him to the other side. The Chancellor says that her nephew, the Rev. J. K. Peck, of Kingston, Pa., stated that he never heard a complaint from his aunt. I am quite certain that he did not see Mrs. Peck during the last three years of her Ilfe, and since this controversy began he has written a long article, published in the Wilkesbarre Times, in which he says that he has recently written a history of Luther Peck and his live sons, which is being published by the Methodist Book Concern, and that he wrote to Mrs. Peck asking if she desired to subscribe for the work. Her reply was that while she accorded the book her most cordial support, she was unable to subscribe for it, owing to lack of means, and Mr. Peck goes on to say: 'Fire hundred dollars ay year is only 1 per cent. interest on the original \$50,000, and it is generally believed that a stigma will rest on the management of Syracuse University until the unjust treatment of Bishop Peck's widow is satisfactorily explained away.

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is the Chancellor writing actual history or simply fiction !"

TO CONTEST ANDREW J. DAM'S WILL Lawrence A. Bodsworth, a Grandson, Says That Its Provisions Are Sliegal.

Lawrence A. Dodsworth has brought an action in the Supreme Court for a partition of gardless of the will of his grandfather, An drew J. Dam, which in the disposition of this property, he claims, is invalid. Andrew J. Dam died in 1885, leaving a will made the year be fore. He left as heirs a son, Andrew J. Dam, and two children of a deceased daughter, the plaintiff, Lawrence A. Dodsworth, and Blanche Dodsworth Chadwick. The testator was a member of the firm of Allen & Dam, proprie-tors of the Astor House, but he provided that his interest in that hotel should be disposed of

his interest in that hotel should be disposed of by his executors.

He provided also that his executors should hold his Union square property and have a sinking fund kept of part of the rents to pay off all incumbrances on this property. The rest of the income was to be divided into thirds, his widow to get one third for life, his son one-third until he reached 25 years of age, and the other third was to be divided between his two grand-children. If the wife died before the youngest of the children attained 25 years of age, the son was to get half the estate and the grandchildren he rents of the other half between them until the youngest became 25 years old, whereupon the grandchildren wereso get the principal.

The plaintiff says that his grandfather suspended the alienation of the property contrary to the provisions of the statute, and that therefore this property goes to the son and the herefore this property goes to the son and the wo grandchildren as if he left no will.

A ROBBERS' CAVE FOUND. It Is in a Jersey City Freight Vard and Ma a Stove and Other Furniture.

Detective Clark of the Seventh street station in Jersey City while hunting for some thieves on Tuesday night discovered a robbers' cave, It is the headquarters of a gang of thieves known as the Beach Gang, and although its appearance indicates that it has been in existence for some time the police never suspected it. It is in the Eric Railroad freight yard, under an unused freight platform. It is ten feet square and six feet high, and is provided with bunks and bedding and stools. There is an oil stove

and six feet high, and is provided with bunks and bedding and stools. There is an oil stove for cooking and a coal stove which is used for heating purposes. There are two entrances. One is formed or an iron ash can with the bottom knocked out, and the other is through the chimney. In order to reach the cave it is necessary to crawl on one's hands and knees for a distance of about twenty feet.

Detective Clark noticed a man crawling through the ash can. Then he summoned Sergean! Cody and Policeman Dooley and started to raid the place. The cave dwellers learned of their approach in some way and fed, but were captured in the stock yards after a chase. Four prisoners were taken. They described themselves as William Miller. 18 years old, of 127 Provest street; John Smith, 18, of Provest and Seventh streets; Alexander Taylor, 17, of 251 Palliande avenue, and John Lynch, 17, who says he has no home. The police say that there are about twenty in the Beach Gang and they have been committing all sorts of depredations for months. The prisoners were arraigned in the First Criminal Court and committed for trial. Two half-cooked steaks were found in the cave.

Central Office Detective Petrosini started yeserday for Dover, Del., for the purpose of arresting Alexander Ciaramello, who is believed to be the real murderer of Natalie Brogno, who was the real murderer of Satatie Brogne, who was stabbed to death on Sept. 12 at Centre and Leonard Streets. Angelo Carbone, a cousin of Ciaramello, was arrested for the crime, having been engaged in the quarrel which resulted in Brogno's death. Carbone was convicted of murdering Brogno and sentenced to death by Justice Smyth. He is now in Sing Sing, but claims that he is innocent.

Servant Suspected of Arson.

There was a fire which did \$10 damage in the house of Mrs. Reva Simon at 2107 Fifth avenue yesterday. The cook. Lens Ledouch, who had been discharged and was to quit the house last night, was held in \$1,000 for examination in Harlem Court on suspiction that she had caused the fire in revenue.

PROBATION PLAN FOR PRISONERS. PINGREE ON EDUCATION. An Attempt to He Made to Try the Man

setts System In This State. James McKeen, Chairman of the Law Comis preparing a bill, to be introduced at the Legis lature's coming session, establishing a system similar to the Massachusetts probation plan for offenders in this State. Chariton T. Lewis, President of the Prison Association, thus ex plained the purpose of the proposed law yester

The system as applied in Massachusetts is the so-called 'probation plan.' As soon as a criminal is brought up for trial regular officers his family and his home. They talk with his employers if he has had any. They find out who his associates have been and where he has spent his time. They find out whether the of-

who his associates have been and where he has spent his time. They find out whether the of funce for which he is to be tried is a first offence or whether it is merely a first detection after many offences. The report of these officers guides the court. They are the eyes and ears of the court.

"If their report is favorable to the prisoner he is put on probation immediately after his sentence. He is required to report at stated intervals, perhaps ence a week, to show that he is behaving well, keeping out of bad company and earning an honest living. The probation officers are constantly watching him and verifying his own account of himself. The moment he is found to have proved himself unworthy of the privileges extended to him, he is taken into custody and the original sentence is executed. "We have the main feature of that system in New York in the practice of our Judges in suspending sentence. The tremendous power of suspending sentence is exercised by our Judges very often. But they act in the dark.

"It will be difficult to get the proper men to act as officers here. It was difficult to get them of the in Massachusetts, and somehow it is even more difficult here. The criminal element in the New York population is larger, more unwieldy, and better organized. Just how the proposed law will meet this difficulty I am not prepared to say. It is a matter requiring very careful adjustment.

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"A bill on the same general plan was prepared by Mr. Lewis and passed by the New Jersey Legislature last year; but it did not reach the Governor in time to become a law. Mr. Lewis is now revisin the bill in the light of a conference with the Massachusetts authorities, and it will be presented to the New Jersey Legislature again this winter."

VISCOUNTESS FALKLAND'S SUIT.

he Wants Her Brother, Robert L. Reade, Removed as Trustee of Her Father's Estate. Mary Falkland, wife of Viscount Falkland, formerly Byron P. Cary of 76 Eton square, London, has brought an action in the Supreme Court to remove her brother, Robert L. Reade, as trustee under the will of her father, Robert Reade. The latter died in 1883, leaving a large estate to his son and daughter. The daughter had married in 1879, and her father settled \$75,000 upon her as a marriage portion, but provided that it should be deducted from her share in his estate. By his will he divided his estate between his two children. The son was to get his half absolutely, but the daughter's share was to be held in trust, she to get the income for life, with remainder over to her issue. The trustees of her share are James M. Varnum

trustees of her share are James M. Varnum, Robert Taylor Varnum, and her brother. The plaintiff states that her brother has been adjudged incompetent to manage his affairs, and the Varnums have refused to act as trustees with him.

Robert L. Reade was once reputed to be a millionaire, but he spent his money lavishly, and several months ago, when an inquiry was made as to his mental condition, it was stated that he has only about \$25,000 left, He married Josie Mansfield, who figured in the Stokes-Fisk shooting, but they were afterward divorced. In the inquiry before the Sheriff's jury it was shown that Reade was suffering from continued over-indulgence in liquor, and he was sent to Bloomingdale Asylum, but was discharged about a month ago as cured. sent to Bloomingdale Asylum, but was dis-charged about a month ago as cured.

Justice Smyth of the Supreme Court issued an order yesterday for the service of summons by publication on the children of Lady Falkland, whom she makes defendants, as they will come in for the estate upon her death.

SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR INQUIRY Trustees Consider the Charges Made Agains

The trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor held a long meeting yesterday at their office in the Bank of Commerce building to consider the charges of incompetency made against Gover-nor G. S. D. Trask and of incompetency and cruelty made against Dr. Joy. The charges are preferred by Capt. George N. Armstrong, an inmate of the institution, and Dr. Richardson who was an assistant to Dr. Joy until a few have sworn to affidavits in support of the accu sations. Charges of this same sort have bee

sations. Charges of this same sort have been made from time to time against Gov. Trask during the last ten years, and each time the trustees have dismissed them.

The present trustees are Mayor Strong, Recorder Goff, Capt, Jay and Capt. Norton of the Marine Society, the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, the Rev. Howard Duffled and Alexander E. Orr. Of these all were present yesterday except Dr. Dix, Dr. B. B. Richardson appeared for himself as did Dr. Joy. Governor Trask was represented by ex-Assistant District Attorney Verson M. Davis, and Frank Moss, President of the Police Board, appeared for the trustees.

It has been understood that Mr. Orr, Mr. Duffleld and Recorder Goff were opposed to Governor Trask and that Capts, Jay and Norton and Dr. Dix stood strongly ty him. This would leave Mayor Strong never attended a meeting of the board until this month and no one knew his position in the matter.

It was 7 o'clock when the board ended its session. None of its members would give an intimation of what determination they had reached.

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TELEPHONE WIRES CUT DOWN. Hudson Electric Light Company's Action on

Miss Lizzie Michaels of West New York was standing at Bergenline avenue and Fulton street, in Union Hill, on Nov. 17, when a vooden arm nailed to a pole owned by the Hud son Electric Light Company fell and struck her on the head. It also struck Policeman John Schrumpf, who was passing, on the shoul-

Miss Michaels afterward sent in a claim for damages to the electric light company, alleging that she had received severe injuries. Superin tendent Bonta referred her application to the tendent Bonta referred her application to the Hudson Telephone Company, contending that the wooden arm which struck Miss Michaels was the property of the telephone company and that the light company was not responsible for the damages. There were a number of such arms attached to the poles of the light company in North Hudson and wires of the telephone company were strung upon these arms.

Mr. Honta says he received no reply from the telephone company in reference to a settlement of Miss Michaels's claim, and yesterday he ordered a gang of his workmen to cut the telephone wires from the poles erected by the light company.

ompany.
The men cut the Hudson telephone wires in Union street and Bergenline avenue and left hem in colls on the sidewalks. No attempt was made by the telephone company to interfere. As a result of the cutting of the wires eighteen of the Hudson telephones were disconnected. The cutting will be continued, Mr. Honta says, in West Hoboken and West New York.

FUNERALS OF TWO AGED WOMEN. Miss Hester Jane Hamilton Was 97 Years Old and Mrs. Helen Ryder Lott 80.

The funeral of Miss Hester Jane Hamilton. rho died on Monday evening, was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the home or Mrs. John Finley in Fifty-sixth street, Blythe bourne. Miss Hamilton, who was 97 years old, was a daughter of William Hamilton, a Revolutionary soldier, and was born in East Ches ter, N. Y. She was the last one of fourteen children and had lived in Brocklyn for over forty years. She was a member of the Strong Place Baptist Church. Her father was at the battle of Long Island. He was also at Valley Forge. The burial was in Cypress Hills Ceme-tery.

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The funeral of Mrs. Helen Ryder Lott, who died on Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Founds Schenck, in Flighty-third street and Nineteenth avenue, Van Felt Manor, Brooklyn, took place at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Lott, who was 96 years old, was a descendant of the old Ryerson family and spent most of her life on Long Island. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. V. N. Bergen of Port Jefferson, L. L. Mrs. Bernard Larzelers and Mrs. Schenck. The burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Prosecutor Winfield Setting Better

Prosecutor Charles H. Winfield of Jersey City, who has been very ill, is slowly recovering He has given up his official work under the advice of Dr. Dickinson, his physician, and is taking a complete rest. When he is strong enough he will take a trip South.

THE GOVERNOR TELLS HOW RI WOULD INSTRUCT TOUTH.

anta All Boye to Go Into Politica -- Would Mave Spanish Taught in Schools, So as to Control Trade on This Continent-Denounce Corporations - For Academic Precion LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29 .- Gov. Pingree gave the 1,500 delegates to the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association a characteristic talk to-night. He declared himself in favor of s practical education for the average boy, and arged that when the boy studies the rise and fall of the Roman Empire he shall learn the causes for it all and be led to inquire if like causes are not at work to-day upon our existence as a nation. He said a lesson can also be learned to apply to the condition of to-day from the story of the French Revolution.

The Governor declared that every boy should strive to become a politician, as all must help govern in a republic if they wish good govern ment and incorruptible officials. Teachers were advised to tell the boys that when Government is delegated to bosses and heelers it will not be long before self-government is at an end. From the example from some of our cities, he said, one would conclude that society was divided into two classes, respectable citizens and politicians. the former being a class who are too good to have anything to do with city Government or to occupy office, but who nevertheless use the politicians for their selfish ends, pay them for t, but refuse to associate with them.

The Governor declared that too much time is ost in studying the dead languages, and it was suggested that the doctors be permitted to deal with things that are dead. The Governor

said:
"If we teach a modern language, teach Spanish, the commercial language of nearly half the people of this continent, and with whom we should have closer trade relations. A continent is opening up before the young men of to-day where Spanish only is spoken. South and Central America and Mexico are fields where North American engineers and skilled workmen wil

American engineers and skilled workmen will follow in the wake of North American machinery and North American manchinery and North American manchinery and North American manchinery and North American manufacture. I was much impressed lately while in Venezuela. It occurred to me that our trace with that country was certainly handleapped by our inability to speak Spanish. The trade of that country is now principally with France and Germany, and if we are wise it will not remain so.

"Teach your children that it is the duty of every man and corporation to pay his just taxes. Teach them to despise the man or corporation who is not willing to do this."

Liberal support of the university was advocated, and the statement made that the people of Mich gan should be proud that they maintain a university of their own rather than have one that is supported and controlled by private corporations and wealthy individuals. Liberal support of the institution was advised so that the people will not have to cater to any outside influence.

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people will not have to cater to any outside influence.

"Endowments in exchange for a political economy is un-American," the Governor said, Nor will we teach our youth that a trust is a blessing of Providence in return for the slice of the plunder as do some of the universities of our sister States. I do not believe that any man should be expelled from the faculty of any university because he objects to the corrupt practice of so-called benefactors who establish institutions of learning with money they have wrongfully extorted from the people. I do not believe that the President of a university should be asked to resign because as an individual he does not happen to agree on certain public questions with the trustees of the institution. Unless our universities give us truth, beenly and fearlessly, they are not doing their duty by the people. the people."

The presentation of both sides of political

questions without endeavoring in any manner to influence the students was advocated, the teachers to remember that people of differing opinions are paying for the support of the university.

In responding to the Governor's address,
Superintendent of Public Instruction Hammond said that more than 95 per cent, of the
teachers of Michigan are believers in a Government unfettered by corporate influence, and on
this general proposition they are with the Governor heart and soul.

THE CURFEW BELL IN THE CITIES. Superintendent of Public Instruction Skinne Strongly Advocates It.

STRACUSE, Dec. 29 .- At the holiday conference of the State academic and grammar school principals to-day a resolution was adopted by the academies to the effect that an annuity so ciety, with a voluntary membership, should be formed, the State Treasurer to be the custodian of the funds; applicants to present a certificate of good health; a graduated rate, according to age, to be made; no difference in rates on account of sex; that membership in any city annuity society should not debar any one from the State organization; any one withdrawing shall

forfeit its benefits.

At the meeting of the grammar school principals Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles R. Skinner advorated the ringing of a curfew bell at 7 or 8 o'clock in all the larger cities of the State. He said that there was great need of education of boys outside of the school rooms. The home, he said, must be made attractive enough to counteract the saloon, and the boys must be kept there is a said that the saloon, and tractive enough to counteract the saloon, and the boys must be kept there. In some Western towns, where the curfew had been adopted as an experiment, it had worked most satisfactor-ily. The curfew should be rung at a stated time, and all parents should be held responsible for keeping their boys off the street after that

hour.

President M. W. Stryker of Hamilton College spoke on education to-night. His address was devoted entirely to a defence of the old idea of the A. B. degree to be given only for a college course, including Latin and Greek, and to a criticism of the scheme adopted at Harvard and Cornell, where the A. B. course is made to a large degree elective.

THE ACETYLENE GAS EXPLOSION. Fire Marshal Conway Preventing the Use of Private Gas Machines Coroner Greenleaf, who is to investigate the

explosion which occurred in the Acetylene Gas vorks in Jersey City last Friday, cannot fix a date for the investigation until the person who were injured have recovered. The inquest in the case of Superintendent Max Grimm will be held probably some evening next week. Chief Engineer Conway of the Fire Department, who is also Fire Marshal, has learned that acetylene gas is used in many places in the city for illuminating purposes, and he will take steps to prevent the continued use of it.

Yesterday he caused one of the gas machines to be taken out of Rudolph Seeberger's saloon at 42 Bowers street. The machine was manufactured in the gas works, and was sold to Mr. Seeberger recently for \$75. It is four feet high and two feet square at the bottom. Unless permission is granted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Chief Conway will not allow any of the machines in the city to be operated. The Chief says he had no idea that such a dangerous explosive was being manufactured at the works in Montgomery street. When he visited the place some time ago in the performance of his duty as Fire Marshal he was told that only ice machines were being made there, and he had no knowledge to the contrary until the explosion occurred. The company will not be permitted to resume operations. that acetylene gas is used in many places in

The marriage of Miss Maude Scott and George Colville Dyer took place yesterday afternoon in Calvary Baptist Church in West Fifty-seventh street. The Rev. Dr. MacArthur, the pastor. performed the ceremony. Miss Bertie Bower Scott attended her sister as maid of honor, and there were no bridesmaids. R. Judson Ken-worthy was best man, and Henry F. Dyer, George C. English, S. G. Estabrook, and Wil-liam F. Nohr were the ushers. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward Scott of Harlem.

Harrington-Shaw The marriage of Miss Ethel Ives Shaw and J.

Edward Harrington took place last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shaw of 130 West Seventy-fifth street. The Rev. Dr. W. Strowbridge performed the ceremony. The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Alma Shaw. George Gilmore, Thomas C. Oakley, Herman Botts, Gilson Willets and William Shaw were the ushers.

Bead-Wood.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 29.-Miss Prue Wood, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Joseph E. Wood, was married at noon to-day to Dr. Willard Fulton Read of Waterville, N. S. The best man was Melborne Stewart Read, professor at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. Capt, Wood is the commander of the yacht Conqueror, owned by Mr. F. W. Vanderbilt.

To a Funeral to a Braned Trolley Car. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 29 .- Some of

those who attended the funeral of Gerardus Voorhees, who died at Raritan Landing, near this city, on Christmas Day, were conveyed to and from the Voorbees house in a trolley car this morning when the funeral was held. The oar was draped in black, TO PARADE IN OTTAWA.

ow Haven Irishmen Augry Because the flars-

field Militiamen Will Honor the Queen. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29,-The Sarsfields. Company C of the Connecticut National Guard, voted unanimously last night with the other companies of the Second Regiment to accept an invitation to parade in Ottawa, Ont., on May 24, 98, on the occasion of the celebration of the Queen's birthday, and the Irish-American element of this city, composing almost half the population, is wrought up over it in consequence, The invitation came from former Col. Turner of Gov. Cooke's staff, who has recently been appointed Consul-General at Ottawa, and it was cepted unanimously by the officers of the companies composing the Second Regiment. Then t was necessary that each company vote on the

panies composing the Second Regiment. Then it was necessary that each company vote on the invitation, and among the others Company C, the Sarsfields, Capt. Donovan, voted, on the recommendation of the Captain, to accept the invitation.

As a result Capt. Donovan and his company are being denounced to-night. The Sarsfields have had a reputation since their organization of being a representative Irish company, and have distinguished themselves as such on occasions. Last year the company dropped down from its military eminence in the State, and Col. Burpes announced that it would be dishanded if it did not ment its ways. It was then on a plan of reorganization that Capt. Donovan, a young lawyer, was elected to its command, and a number of other professional young men joined the ranks to rethabilitate it.

When it was learned to-day that the company had voted to go to Ottawa to participate in the Queen's birthday celebration indignation among former Sarsfield officers and the prominent Irishmen of the city who had contributed to the company's success know no bounds. Col. John G. Healey, a veterant of the late war, a former Sarsfield officer, and a Fenian who suffered in English prisons for his patriotism, voiced the sentiment of his compatriots.

"I never thought the time would come when the old Sarsfield Guard would vote to participate in a Victorian birthday celebration. This is the saddest news I baye ever heard. I should not object to the company going to London for a good time, but to take part in such a demonstration is the severest, most ungrateful blow that the Sarsfields could deliver to their fellow countrymen."

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CANADA'S TRADE.

She Sells More to England than to Us, but Buys OTTAWA, Dec. 29.-The trade and navigation

returns of Canada will show that during the fiscal year of 1896-7 the increase in exports amounted to over \$17,500,000. The average rate of duty was 17.8 per cent. on the total imports for consumption and 30 per cent, on the dutiable imports. Great Britain still remains Canada's best customer, but even the preferen-tial tariff has not brought about an increase of British imports into Canada. On the contrary. while the growth of imports from the United

while the growth of imports from the United States has been considerable, the volume of Canadian imports from Great Britain has diminished.

There were exported to the United States Canadian products to the value of \$43,991.485, as against \$34.460.428 during the previous fiscal year. Great Britain took of Canada's exports \$69,033.852. The imports of Canada from the old country were \$29,412,188, a decrease of \$3,567.594 as compared with the previous year, while from the United States Canada imported to the value of \$61,649.641, an increase of \$3,075.023 over the year previous, Upon the dutlable portion of imports the average on the American imports was only about 26 per cent, as against 30 per cent. on English imports.

Although Canada sells 50 per cent, more of her products to Great Britain than to the United States, yet she imports more than twice as much from the latter as from the mother country. Compared with last year there is an increase of \$9,531,057 in Canadian exports to the United States, and of \$6,815,911 to Great Britain, the latter increase being largely made up in the exportations of cheese, animals and their products, and agricultural products.

JERSEY TEACHERS AT PEACE. fiss Allen and Her Friends Pincated by Ma

terial Concessions. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 29.-The three days' session of the State Teachers' Association ended at noon to-day in a love feast. The threatened contest for the control of the offices did not take place, and the slate prepared by the Nominating Committee went through unanimously. Mis-Elizabeth A. Allen of Hoboken and her adherents were placated, and they did not place in nomination for the Presidency Franklin Thorn of Paterson. Peace was secured by overtures made to Miss Allen, whose friends were allowed to select Mrs. Georgia B. Crater of Newark for O select Mrs. Georgia B. Crater of News for Vice-President and to name the two trustees of the retirement fund to represent the Teachers' Association. Miss Allen and S. E. Manness of Camden were selected. Henry B, Maxon of Plainfield was chosen President and Henry C. Harriss of Hayonne Treasurer. Miss Allen was permitted also to name three of the seven members where a western the Persident to. permitted also to name three of the seven mean bers who were appointed by the President to re-vise the constitution of the Teachers' Associa-

NORTH RIVER BOATS COLLIDE. Pennsylvania Ratirond Float Hits the Fan-

The ferryboat Fanwood of the Central Rallroad of New Jersey, with less than a hundred assengers aboard, left her slip at Communipaw for the foot of Liberty street at 5 o'clock yes erday morning. There was a strong ebb tide, and her pilot headed her north so that she might drift down to the slip on the current. A Pennsylvania Railroad float, filled with loaded cars, parted her hawser and drifted down stream from the pier north of the Centrals ferry house just as the Fanwood was within lifty feet of her slip. An edge of the float struck the Fawnood on the port side, staving a big hole in the paddle box and carrying away several buckets of the paddle wheel.

The shock of the collision caused most of the passengers to run out on deck. The Fanwood's whistle screamed for assistance, and several tugs responded and helped to berth her. None of her passengers was hurt. She was taken to Communipaw for repairs. Tugs secured the drifting car float and brought it back to the Pennsylvania pier.

A Son and Helr to T. Suffern Tailer. A boy baby was born on Christmas night to the wife of T. Suffern Tailer. Mrs. Tailer was Miss Maud Lorillard, and the boy has already been named Lorillard Suffern Tailer. He is a greatgrandson of Peter Lorillard and of Thomas Suffern. T. Suffern Tailer, his father, is well known as a whip and rider to hounds, and a most successful exhibitor at the Horse Show.

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Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897, by the Rev. John-W. Bertha Vincent, daughter of Alexander A. Taylon to Walter Cooley Sampson.

DIED.

NOAKES.-On Monday, Dec. 27, 1897. George Funeral services at his late residence, 118th st. and Riverside Drive, on Friday, Dec. 81, at 19 Mg Please omit flowers:

city, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897, Mary L. Form late William W. Fox, in her 82d year. Notice of funeral bereafter. FERRER. -Suddenly, on Wednesday, the 20th tasks Coll J. Turner, in the 70th year of his age.

TIFFANY. -- At her residence, Foxhurst, New York

Funeral services at his late residence, 79 St. Mark's av., Brooklyn, on Friday afternoon at 2:80 o'clocks Interment at convenience of family. 7AN SANT.—At Stony Point, N. Y., on Monday, Dec. 27, 1897, Rev. Isaac N. Van Sant, in his 68th year

pastor of the M. E. Church at Rookland Lake Funeral Friday at 1:30 P. M. from the M. E. Church at Stony Point, N. Y. Train leaving foot of Franklin st., via West Shore R. R., at 11:30 A. M.

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